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SUBJECT: IMCO: SOLAS CONFERENCE OPENING PLENARY

1. IMCO CONFERENCE ON REVISION OF 1960 CONVENTION ON SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA (SOLAS) OPENED OCTOBER 21 WITH 66 DELEGATIONS REPRESENTED. CONFERENCE WELCOMED BY PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPT OF TRADE, CLINTON-DAVIES. EDWARDS (US) UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT. ALSO BY UNANIMITY REPRESENTATIVES OF SENEGAL, ARGENTINA, EGYPT, GDR AND INDONESIA ELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENTS. MEXICO, JAPAN, TANZANIA, POLAND AND SWITZERLAND COMPOSE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

2. QUESTION OF EXTENDING FURTHER INVITATIONS PRE-OCCUPIED CONFERENCE DURING MUCH OF OPENING DAY. SECRETARY GENERAL AUTHORIZED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO ISSUE INVITATIONS TO NORTH VIETNAM AND PORTUGAL. (PORTUGAL HAD NOT BEEN INVITED TO CONFERENCE INITIALLY UNDER VIENNA FORMULA BECAUSE OF DECISION OF IMCO ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER, 1973, EXCLUDING PORTUGAL FROM PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS CONVENED BY IMCO.)

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3. PROPOSAL TO INVITE PRG PURSUED VIGOROUSLY BY

CUBA AND PRC WITH SUPPORT FROM OTHERS. SOUTH
VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVE OBJECTED ABLY AND, AFTER US,
FRG, CANADA, UK AND ROK SPOKE IN THAT ORDER, VOTE
TAKEN ON WHETHER TO SUSPEND FURTHER CONSIDERATION, WHICH
CARRIED 28(US)-14-15.

4. COMMITTEE I (ON CONVENTION ARTICLES) AND COMMITTEE
II (ANNEXED REGULATIONS) ESTABLISHED AND TO BEGIN WORK
OCTOBER 22. FIFTEEN MEMBER DRAFTING COMMITTEE TO BEGIN
WORK OCTOBER 25 UNDER AUSTRALIAN CHAIRMANSHIP (WITH
US PARTICIPATING) CONFERENCE WILL REVERT TO PLENARY
SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE DURING LAST FOUR
DAYS BEGINNING OCTOBER 29.

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